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FACT SHEET
LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

Expiration Date

A license expires at midnight on the last day of the licensee's birth month following the original issuance of the license and thereafter at midnight on the last day of the licensee's birth month every two years.

Renewal Fee(s)

The renewal fee for an optometrist license is \$300.00, which is to be sent along with the renewal notice. A \$25.00 delinquent fee shall be assessed if the renewal fee is not postmarked by midnight on the expiration date.

Expired License - Expired under three (3) years (B&P §3147)

Except as provided in Business & Professions (B&P) Code section 114, an expired license may be renewed at any time within three (3) years after its expiration providing the licensee submits to the Board; a renewal fee of \$300.00, a delinquency fee of \$25.00, and proof of continuing education requirements.

Cancelled License - Expired over (3) years (B&P §3147.6)

Except as provided in B & P Code section 114, an expired license may be renewed three (3) years after its expiration providing the licensee;

- Is not subject to denial of a license under section 480
- Submits an application fee of \$275.00
- Successfully completes and passes the clinical portion of the NBEO exam Part II
- Successfully completes and passes the California Law and Regulations examination
- Submits a restoration fee of \$300.00
- Submits proof of continuing education requirements.

Continuing Optometric Education (CE)

All licensed optometrists are required to meet continuing education (CE) requirements as a condition of renewing their license. Optometrists self certify that they have met CE requirements by so indicating on the renewal notice which is submitted with the renewal fee. Course work shall be Board approved and no more than 8 hours of the required course work shall be in the area of patient care management. Optometrists who are therapeutic pharmaceutical agent (TPA) certified, are required to complete 50 hours of CE. Thirty-five of the 50 CE hours must be in the diagnosis, treatment and management of ocular diseases in any combination in the following topics:

- glaucoma, ocular infection
- ocular inflammation
- topical steroids
- systemic medication
- pain medication.

Non TPA certified optometrists shall complete 40 hours of continuing optometric education course work within the two years immediately preceding the renewal deadline.

PLEASE NOTE: Should the optometrist not indicate completion of the required number of hours on their renewal form, the renewal of their license will be placed on hold until such proof is provided.

EXEMPTION: A licensee is exempt from the CE requirement for their first renewal period if he or she graduated less than one year from the date of initial licensure.